

# COMMUNITY NEWS



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**ADULT NATURE CRAFT WINNERS...**The Coffee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System sponsored a Nature Crafts contest Monday, Dec. 6, in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. There were two divisions for this contest - youth and adult. In the adult division, first place honors went to Jennine Kelley (right) for her pine straw baskets (\$25 prize). Second and third place honors went to Ruthann Newsome (left). Newsome received second place for her leaf gourd (\$15 prize) and third place for her apple gourd (\$10 prize).

Happy Holiday Season

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## Local breast cancer advocate participates in Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund Conference



Lucille Latham

Lucille Latham of Enterprise attended the annual Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund Conference, this year held in Washington, DC on November 15-17. The 2004 conference focused on "Building Successful Community Partnerships," and brought together for three days nearly 200 representatives from the national network of breast cancer organizations and institutions, funded by the Avon Foundation. Included among the attendees were representatives of community-based organizations, public hospitals and leading cancer centers that support the medically underserved. The objective of the annual conference was to facilitate collaboration and exchange of information and knowledge among these many

organizations to enhance their services they provide in towns and cities nationwide.

Latham is the community educator of Coffee County Family Services Center located in Enterprise. The mission of the organization is to assist Coffee County families with issues of health, education and stability. Latham's breast cancer education program provides education and resources for women throughout the region for breast cancer and other women's health issues. Through this program, she not only educates women as to the importance of early detection of breast cancer but she also provides access to low-cost or no-cost services through the Alabama Department of Public Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program for low-income women. The Avon Foundation has provided more than \$217,000 in funding to Coffee County Family Services Center since 2001 for education about breast cancer and accessibility to care and treatment.

"This was my fifth time attending the Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund Conference, and it was a privilege to take part," said Latham. For more information on Coffee County Family Services Center, call 334-393-8538, or email: famservice@entercomp.com.



**RECIPE CONTEST WINNERS...**The Coffee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System sponsored a Recipe contest Monday, Dec. 6, in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. Contestants prepared from recipe their favorite dish and brought it to the community room for judging. First place honors went to Larry Eddins (left) for his Chocolate Ganash (\$50 prize). Second place honors went to Patsy Bane (center) for her Fried Apple Tarts (\$25 prize), and third place honors went to Mary Donaldson (right) for her Turkey Twirls (\$15 prize). These three chefs, along with other recipe contestants, shared their dishes with a room full of tasters following the judging of entries.

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## Coffee County BOE holds short December meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education zoomed through its short agenda Thursday evening, Dec. 9, during the regular monthly meeting of the board.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram announced that Kinston School has been approved as an Alabama Reading Initiative School for the 2005-06 school term.

With this approval, she said the system will gain a reading initiative coach for the school, and she asked board members to

give her permission to go ahead and advertise for that position.

Although the superintendent said the position would not be a paid one until the 2005-06 school year, she said going ahead and filling the position might allow the person hired to get some valuable training.

Board members approved this request by a unanimous vote.

The only other matter needing approval by the board involved a personnel matter.

Board members approved the hiring of Alisha Brooks as a part-time lunchroom worker at

Kinston School. This will be effective Jan. 4, 2005.

Ingram also took a few minutes to update board members on the various roofing projects at the schools.

At Kinston, she said shingles were on site and someone has been hired to do the work. She said she hopes to order shingles for Zion Chapel very soon.

As for the New Brockton vocational building, Ingram said she hoped to present more information to board members at the January 2005 meeting regarding a metal sloped roof.



Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill (left) handled the swearing-in duties of Coffee County Board of Education members Larry Eddins (red coat) and Jimmy Clark (green coat) last Thursday evening, Dec. 9, during the board's monthly meeting. Both Eddins and Clark were elected during November's general election to continue serving as board members. They were joined for the swearing-in ceremony by their wives, Sherry Eddins and Kaye Clark.

## Coffee County Commission hears news of \$1.6 million industrial grant for businesses on County Road 404

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook announced Monday, Dec. 13, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission that a \$1.6 million industrial grant has been approved for County Road 404.

Westbrook said the announcement came from Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer that County Road 404 in Elba had been approved for the

grant to widen and install turning lanes on the access road for Kelley Foods of Alabama and Alabama River Chips Inc. She said the grant comes from the Alabama Industrial Access Authority, and should improve access to both these businesses.

Coffee County Extension Coordinator Stan Windham addressed commissioners Monday morning and invited them to an extension county advisory meeting Monday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Windham said a wide spacing of county residents and business people will be invited to the meeting. He said the goal is to receive input on things the extension office can do to improve its service to the county and its residents.

With the commission's next scheduled meeting coming after the Christmas holiday, each commissioner took time to extend best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to all county residents.

In other business, the commission:

- \* Approved a request from county engineer Randy Tindell to begin paperwork for the closing of County Rd. 653. Tindell said residents on this road requested the county vacate it.
- \* Approved a request from Tindell to allow commission chairman Doug Dalrymple to enter into agreement with Wayne Farms on County Rd. 114 to place a caution light in the vicinity of the business.
- \* Approved a motion to allow a candlelight vigil on the grounds outside the Elba courthouse Thursday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. in honor of Jason Mitchell.
- \* Approved a motion to allow a Martin Luther King Jr. March to be held at the Enterprise Courthouse Sunday, Jan. 16, at 4 p.m.
- \* Approved a motion made by Dalrymple to not allow anyone to sign his/her own check out of county funds.



**ELBA FLOAT WINS FIRST PLACE...**During a recent Enterprise City Council meeting, Miss Elba Lindsay Lawford accepted on behalf of the City of Elba the first place award in the non-profit division from the Enterprise Christmas Parade. The parade was held Tuesday evening, Nov. 30. The City of Elba float carried the local beauty queens, and it was sponsored by the New Season's Study Club. Lawford received the award from Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell (left) and Jay Beckwith (right). The float also was featured recently in the City of Elba Christmas Parade and Town of New Brockton Christmas Parade.

## Kinston native crowned Miss Alabama Agriculture

April Dawn Hawthorne, a 20-year old Troy University student, was crowned Miss Alabama Agriculture during the closing session of the 83rd annual meeting of the Alabama Farmers Federation Dec. 6 in Mobile.

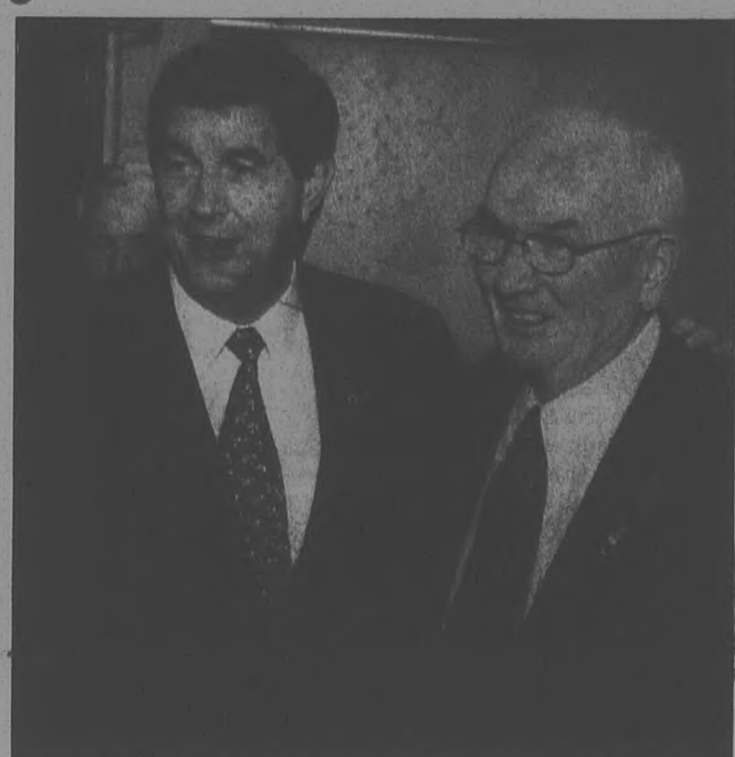
Miss Hawthorne, the daughter of Steve and Melody Hawthorne of Kinston, represented Pike County in the contest. As the winner, she received a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a 2005 Chevrolet TrailBlazer for the next year. Miss Hawthorne will represent Alia Farmers at a variety of events during the coming year where she will promote the

state's largest industry - agriculture. The pageant is sponsored by the Federation's Young Farmers Division.

The Federation's annual meeting was Dec. 5-6 in Mobile and attracted more than 2,000 farmers from throughout the state's 67 counties.



April Hawthorne of Pike County, center, was crowned Miss Alabama Agriculture Dec. 6 in Mobile. She is joined by her co-winners from left, First Alternate Margaret "Grace" Smith of Autauga County, Second Alternate Christina Vranich of Dale County, Third Alternate Anna Linley of Morgan County and Miss Congeniality Katlin Mulvaney of Lee County.



Alabama Governor Bob Riley (left) congratulates Dykes Rushing (right) on his retirement.

## REMINDER

The fifth chapter of "Carols for Christmas" is located on Page 14 in this week's edition of The Elba Clipper.

## Governor Bob Riley awards grant to assist low-income residents in Southeast Alabama

Governor Bob Riley has awarded \$77,503 to assist low-income residents in Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. The grant will be used to help eligible persons, families and the elderly meet the basic needs of living.

"This grant is important because it not only offers low-income families emergency assistance with life necessities," Riley said, "but also supports community action programs that help Alabamians attain the skills

needed to support themselves.

Riley awarded the grant from funds the state receives through the Community Service Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The primary purpose of the program is to assist low-income families, to prevent suffering and hardship and to help individuals work toward self-sufficiency.

Riley has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community

## Sarah Hamm places second in state's '05 Junior Miss scholarship program

Sarah Hamm, daughter of Mark and Margaret Hamm of Cullman, Ala., and granddaughter of Phillip and June Hamm of Elba, Ala., was named first runner-up in the 2005 Alabama Junior Miss program held last Saturday night at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery.

Hamm received a \$6,000 scholarship award for this honor, as well as a \$1,000 award for being a preliminary winner in the scholastics category.

She is a senior at Cullman High School and the 2005 Cullman County Junior Miss.

Coffee County resident Hillary Davis of Enterprise was second runner-up in the event. She received a \$3,500 scholarship award.

The title of Alabama's Junior Miss for 2005 went to Jaye Herrod of Prattville. In addition to winning the \$12,000 state title scholarship and becoming eligible for several college-granted scholarships, she received a \$1,000 award for being a preliminary winner in the scholastics category and a

\$700 award for being a preliminary winner in the talent competition.

These young ladies were selected by a panel of five judges from a field of 58 high school seniors competing in the 48th annual Alabama's Junior Miss Scholarship program.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

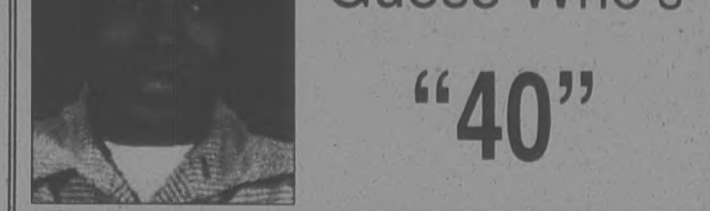
**Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor**  
**Elba United Methodist Church**

The sounds and the sights of the Christmas season are around us. Whether we are shopping in the stores, worshipping in church or sitting around the dining table at home we are reminded that the Christmas season is here. We again celebrate the most meaningful season and day that there is. We celebrate the gift of a Savior, God's Son who forgives us of our sins.

As we celebrate this wonderful season, let me share with you some reminders of the sights and sounds of Christmas. May the Christmas presents remind us of God's greatest gift, His Son. May the Christmas tree remind us of another tree that God's Son died on. May the Christmas dinner remind us that Jesus is the true Bread of Life. May the bells remind us of the glorious proclamation of His birth. May the carols remind us of God's greeting to us that "a Son is born." Finally, may the Christmas season remind us in every way that Jesus Christ is King.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of this Christmas. Listen for their message to us of peace, joy, and salvation.

Be sure to remember our military men and women in your prayers.



**O' Lordy! Guess Who's "40"**

**Westside Baptist Church**  
1026 Caroline Street  
Presents  
**A Homemade Christmas**  
Sunday, December 19th  
6:00 p.m.

Join us as we go back in time to the old country store when things were homemade and life was slower. Watch as Mr. Carmichael and his customers realize the reason for the season and why we have hope.

*Please join us.*

**Rev. Bobby Holladay, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Linda Johns, Minister of Music**

## New Brockton UMC

Chancel Choir to present Christmas Cantata

The New Brockton United Methodist Church will present a Christmas Cantata, "I Love to Tell the Story," at the 11:00 o'clock morning service, Sunday, Dec. 19.

Everyone invited. The church is located at the corner of Dawkins and King Streets in New Brockton. Pastor is Bro. Ben McKee.

## Schedule of events for December at Elba United Methodist Church

Elba United Methodist Church invites everyone to celebrate the Advent-Christmas Season.

**December 17-19** - Live Nativity Scene at the Church

**December 19** - 10:00 a.m. - Lighting of the Advent Wreath Christmas Cantata - "A New Beginning" by the Chancel Choir

**Children's Christmas Program** - 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship time and visit from Santa Claus following the program)

**December 24** - 5:30 p.m. - "Come and Go" Communion

**December 26** - 10:00 a.m. - Christmas Worship

Come and join us in the celebration of the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Christmas Program planned at Faith Assembly

Faith Assembly of God will have their Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6 o'clock p.m. There will be special singing, instrumentals, praise and worship, Scripture reading, poems, and the true meaning of Christmas.

The Faith Assembly Church Choir will present "I'll Be Home For Christmas."

Special guests will be the Engram Brothers of Enterprise.

Everyone is invited to attend the special service of the celebration of Jesus' birth.

The church is located at 499 Meredith St., Enterprise. For more information call 334/393-6620 - 894-6371, cell 406-1767.

## May God Bless Our Service Folks Everywhere.

## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

### SCRIPTURE: PSALM 26:1-12

**\*\*\*THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:** Mary Huguley, Alan J. Belcher, C.W. Williams, Rev. J.L. Grier, Lewis Nelson, Johnnie Ruth Belcher, Rayfield Reynolds, Lela Tyson, Lovie Hooks

### \*\*\*BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Edd and Faye Manning - Dec. 6  
W.A. Kasey Crisp - Dec. 13  
Alice M. Foltz - Dec. 15  
Shawanna Wright - Dec. 17  
Allison Gavin - Dec. 18

### \*\*\*THE ROCKY HEAD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Elba, will have their Christmas program and dinner, Saturday, Dec. 18, beginning at 5 p.m. Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor.



Rev. A.R. Williams, Pastor

**REV. AND MRS. W.L. PETERSON** - Learning and depending on Jesus. Rev. and Mrs. W.L. Peterson reside in the Brooksville Community. He is the son of the late William Sheridan of the Bronx, New York, and Mrs. Ollie Wells of Rochester, New York. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy C. Brooks of Elba. They have four children: Anthony (Jerry) Brooks,

Florence, Ala.; Julius (Rosalynde) and D-undray (DeWanna), Tuscaloosa; and Kanyona (Rev. Richard Kyles), Elba, two grandchildren (Isiah and Kendra Kyles, and one on the way).

Rev. Peterson is a graduate of Andalusia High School and has a BA from Selma University and working on master's. He has served as pastor of the Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church for the past 18 years, and Moderator of the Mulberry District Association for the past two years. He is also the Dean of the Dept. of Christian Education for the Southeast District State Convention as well as head of the ministers' seminars at the southeast district State Convention.

Mrs. Peterson is a graduate of Mulberry Heights High School, and has attended various seminars throughout Alabama. Her activities in the church and district include secretary of the Sunday School and Mission Ministry, and Corresponding Secretary of the Mulberry Women's convention.

The Petersons have been married for 30 years, and enjoy going to church together, and supporting youth at high school, sporting events.

"I hope my preaching has been an inspiration to someone on this journey and that their life has been changed through God's Word," Rev. Peterson stated.

Mrs. Peterson added, "I pray everyone will have a Merry Christmas, and be blessed beyond measure."

### Gospel Bluegrass Festival rescheduled for December 31

The 4th annual Gospel Bluegrass Festival has been rescheduled for Dec. 31, at 5 p.m. in a new location, Kiwanis Building, Hwy 55 South Bypass, in Andalusia. Featured groups will be the Sullivan Family, Jimmy Williams and The Gospel Grass,



Destinee Cole

### \*\*\*DESTINEE COLE - "I'M 5"

Destinee is the daughter of Marcell (D.J. Flake) Cole and Jasmine Coone. She celebrated her 5th birthday with a party Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Elba Dairy Queen. The party was given by her Grandma Lula. Guests attending were Kira Starks, Lil Tony Daniels, Yonie Caldwell, Jasmine and Destin Coone, Marcell and Lula Cole, Mike, Connie, Miguel, MeMe Banks and Katon Gray. Everyone enjoyed the kids' meals.

Destinee's grandparents are Lorinzer Cole and Lula Williams Cole and Ronnie Coon, Enterprise, and Jackie Doxie, Atlanta, Ga.

Happy Holidays!

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

### Pouncey-Watson wedding planned for December 30th

Timmy Eugene Watson and Shirley Ann Pouncey will be married Thursday, Dec. 30, at six o'clock in the evening, at the home of the bride's brother, Erwin and Marie Pouncey at 430 Plant Ave., Elba. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Lou Pouncey Kelley, Elba, and the late Leo Pouncey, Greenville.

The groom is the son of Robert Earl Watson and Mary Rushing Watson, and the grandson of Emmitt Watson and the late Rosie Carney Watson, and the late Alva Rushing, and Mrs. Irving Rushing Williams, Lake Wales, Fla.

The marriage will take place on January 22, 2005 at 2 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church in Andalusia. The reception will be held in the fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

For more information call Renita Bowers at 347-1211 ext. 2240.

### Annette Griswold attends school Board Convention

Cliff County Board of Education member Annette Griswold attended the Alabama Association of School Boards' annual convention in Birmingham Dec. 2-4.

Griswold, other board members and superintendents convened to cover issues that impact student performance, including reduction of the dropout rate.

Convention participants also attended clinic sessions on teen pregnancy, factors affecting next year's state education budget, the problem of childhood obesity, and the role schools could or should play in combating it.

### Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Timmy Eugene Watson & Shirley Ann Pouncey

Clyde L. Sadie

Wise Men Learn By Others' Mistakes...

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## Views From.... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

One tradition that has lasted through the years at the Mularz house has been the hanging of stockings, and this year has been no different as stockings are hung above both of the fireplaces in the house. Back when the girls were younger Santa would take the time to fill each and every stocking with fruit, candy and various toys and gifts, but as they have grown older he has turned the stockings over to Mom and Dad, and we have slowly made the change to just filling their own homemade stockings. The girls still get to empty the stockings and check out their goodies, but it just doesn't take quite as long.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers made it to the finals of the Andalusia Christmas Tournament for the second straight year last weekend and for the second straight year were forced to settle for the runner-up trophy as they fell once again to the Enterprise Wildcats. The Tigers claimed wins over Pleasant Home and New Brockton to make it to the championship game and then held their own with the 6A Wildcats for two quarters, but got worn down by the non-stop defensive pressure applied by the 'Cats and by midway through the fourth quarter saw their tank hit empty as Enterprise ran away and posted a big forty-point win. Elba did place three players on the "All-Tournament" team and with only eight players on the roster got the most out of every man on the team, but in the end the Tigers simply didn't have the depth or talent to hang with Enterprise for four quarters. The final score of 91-51 was not a true indication of how hard the Elba players fought in the final game and many fans, me included, wondered why Coach Bledsoe just stood and watched as he emptied his bench early in the fourth quarter and let Enterprise run up the score. Oh well, I guess the reserves did get some playing time, even if the players did get embarrassed by the lopsided score.


\*\*\* The New Brockton Gamecocks brought home the third place trophy after posting upset wins over Andalusia and Opp. The Gamecocks eliminated the host Bulldogs in the opening round of the tournament, then bounced back from a tough loss to Elba to surprise Opp in the consolation game. Coach Glenn Johnson has already led the Gamecocks to more wins than they posted all of last season, and with the season not even half over, it looks like New Brockton is on a fast track back to being a winning basketball program.

\*\*\* Andalusia's loss to New Brockton in the opening round of last week's tournament marked the first time in the 38 years of the event that the Bulldogs had lost in the opening round. The Bulldogs have won the tournament 21 times in 38 years, including 8 of the last 11 events, but last year the Bulldogs placed fourth and this year they made an early exit. I am sure Coach Richard Robertson will lead the Bulldogs back to the top in area high school action, but for the past two years they have taken their beatings.

\*\*\* I would hope the Alabama High School Athletic Association would sit up and take notice of the recent brawl at an NBA game and dictate strict security at all high school events during the current prep basketball season. Young kids watch all the sports highlights these days on ESPN and other television shows, and whether you believe it or not many actually liked the fight that took place and idolize the players now even more than before. As my daughter and I were leaving the final night's action last week at Andalusia High School a fight broke out outside the gym and despite the quick action of some coaches it took time to quiet the situation and get the crowd that was watching to leave the area. My daughter was scared by the incident and the violence that was obvious to all that saw it, and I had to wonder why no police were present outside the building to prevent such an occurrence. I will report the incident to the AHSAA and recommend that at all future basketball games the home team provide a police presence to help with crowd control.

\*\*\* In closing... Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend after the completion of the Super Six high school football finals and reported that last week's 5-1 slate gave him a final record of 272-58 for the season. He also pointed out that since Sweet Water, Leroy, Onetonia, Demopolis and Homewood all claimed titles, five of the six state champions were from South Alabama. Not a bad year for the South, or for the local guessper.

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## Elba Tigers place second in 38th Annual Andalusia Christmas Tournament

The Elba Tigers claimed two big wins last week to advance to the championship game in the 38th annual Andalusia Christmas Tournament. Unfortunately, the Enterprise Wildcats also made the trip to the tournament finals and the Tigers were simply no match for the 6A Wildcats as they were forced to settle for second after absorbing a 91-51 whipping at the hands of their cross-county neighbors.

Elba opened the tournament with hard fought wins over Pleasant Home 57-51 and New Brockton 69-60 to up its record to 6-3, but fell to Enterprise in the finals for the second straight year and left the tournament with a record of 6-4.

Following are highlights of last week's tournament action:

### ELBA 57 PL. HOME 51

The Elba Tigers opened tournament play on Thursday night and turned back a late Pleasant Home rally to down the Eagles 57-51.

Elba jumped out to an early 6-2 lead in the opening stanza and appeared ready to take command, but saw the Eagles rally to cut the lead to 11-10 with 3:36 remaining in the quarter and then watched as Pleasant Home pulled even at 13-13 with 5:22 left in the half. The Tigers outscored the Eagles 8-3 over the next two minutes behind the play of LaRay Williams and Mason Guiley to pull out to a 21-16 advantage and held on late to carry a slim 25-24 lead in at the half.

The Tigers scored the first six points of the third quarter to grab a 31-24 lead, and sparked by the scoring of LaRay Williams and Brandon Kelley closed out a 14-4 run to open up a 39-28 advantage with 4:31 still left in the quarter. Elba drilled a 45-36 lead into the final stanza and pushed its lead to 51-40 early in the quarter on a pair of free-throws by LaRay Williams. However, Pleasant Home staged one last rally and outscored the Tigers 9-2 over the next two minutes to pull within 53-49 with 2:07 remaining in the game. The Tigers responded with a 6-0 run to regain command at 57-49 with only 57 left on the clock and held on to escape with the 57-51 win.

LaRay Williams scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Mason Guiley added 14 points and 5 steals. Reynar Rogers scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Brandon Kelley tossed 11 points. Issac Edgar scored 12 points to lead Pleasant Home.

### EL 11 14 20 12 - 57 PH 10 14 12 15 - 51

Elba (57): Guiley 14, Williams 20, Kelley 11, Rogers 12.

P.H. (51): Mills 4, Copeland 11, McCraney 1, Nichols 5, Edgar 12, Huckabaa 6, A. Nichols 8, Walden 4.

### ELBA 69 N.B. 60

The Elba Tigers used a big third quarter to pull ahead and then held on late to defeat the New Brockton Gamecocks 69-60, in semifinal action on Friday night.

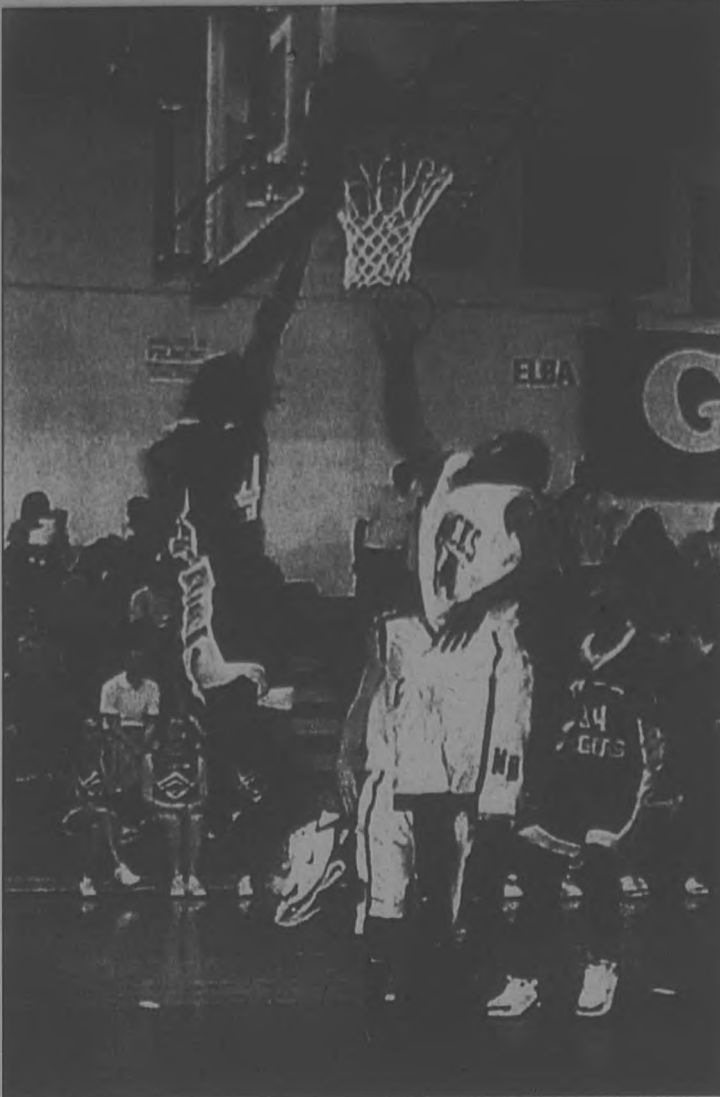
Elba came out ready to play and jumped out to an 8-4 lead with 4:34 remaining in the opening stanza on a three-pointer by Shawn Abbott, then upped its lead to 10-4 only seconds later after a steal and lay-up by Reymar Rogers.

The Gamecocks rallied and pulled within 11-10 with 1:11 left in the quarter on a basket by Rashad Andrews, but the Tigers fired the final shot of the quarter and upped their lead to 14-11 on a long three-pointer by Brandon Kelley at the buzzer.

Elba upped its lead to 16-11 early in the second quarter on a put back by LaRay Williams and owned an 18-13 lead with 6:39 left in the quarter after a short jumper by Shawn Abbott. However, the Tigers failed to score for the next four minutes of the quarter and New Brockton rallied behind the three-point shooting of Courtney Foster and Dadrain Johnson to pull ahead 23-18 late in the half. A basket by Elba's LaRay Williams with 2:48 remaining ended the Tigers' scoring drought, and when the Tigers' Reymar Rogers banked in a long three-pointer at the buzzer Elba was back on top and won at intermission with a 30-27 advantage.

Elba picked up its intensity on both ends of the court when action resumed in the third quarter and led by the play of Brandon Kelley the Tigers opened the third quarter with a 14-4 run to open up a big 44-31 lead with 4:23 remaining in the quarter. Mason Guiley drained a long three-pointer with 2:15 left to up the Elba advantage to 49-33, and by the time the quarter ended the Tigers appeared to be in command with a 49-35 lead.

New Brockton's B.J. Perry scored two quick baskets in the fourth quarter to help the Gamecocks cut the Elba lead to 49-39, but the Tigers again answered the challenge and led by the inside scoring of Shawn Abbott and LaRay Williams Elba pulled out to a 53-49 lead with 5:58 left in the game. Elba



Elba's LaRay Williams (in black) drives past a New Brockton defender to lay in a basket in the Tigers' 69-60 win over the Gamecocks. Elba placed second last week in the Andalusia Christmas Tournament.

missed five free-throws over the next two minutes as New Brockton rallied again and cut the Tigers' lead to 57-50 with 3:41 still remaining on the clock, but Shawn Abbott connected on 3 of 4 free-throws on two trips to the charity stripe to up the Elba lead to 60-52 with 3:18 remaining, and the Tigers survived hitting only 4 of 12 free-throws over the final two minutes to post the 69-60 win.

Brandon Kelley scored 23 points to lead Elba, while LaRay Williams and Shawn Abbott both added 15 points and Mason Guiley scored 10. Brett Parrish scored 22 points and Dee Finley added 11 to lead the Gamecocks.

### EL 14 16 19 20 - 69 NB 11 16 8 25 - 60

Elba (69): Guiley 10, Williams 15, Kelley 23, Abbott 15, Rogers 6.

N.B. (60): Parrish 22, Andrews 6, Perry 4, Johnson 8, Finley 11, Foster 9.

### ENTERPRISE 91 ELBA 51

The Elba Tigers played the Enterprise Wildcats on even terms throughout the first half



Elba Tiger cheerleaders (l-r) Whitney Anderson, Tori Brooks and Kendall Stinson had plenty to cheer about last week as the Tigers posted two wins in the Andalusia Christmas Tournament.

## SPORTS

### Upsets Andalusia and Opp

## New Brockton brings home consolation honors

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted two big wins last week to bring home consolation honors in the 38th annual Andalusia Christmas Tournament, held at Andalusia High School.

The Gamecocks opened the eight-team event with a shocking 41-39 upset win over the host Andalusia Bulldogs, then bounced back after a second round loss to Elba to defeat the Opp Bobcats 57-53 in the consolation game.

Following are highlights of both tournament wins:

### NEW BROCKTON 41 ANDALUSIA 39

The New Brockton Gamecocks opened the tournament late Thursday night with a shocking 41-39 upset win over the Andalusia Bulldogs to eliminate the host team in the opening round for the first time in the 38-year history of the event.

New Brockton pulled ahead 7-6 early when Brett Parrish converted a three-point play, but Andalusia answered with a 10-3

run to close the quarter and carried a 16-10 advantage into the second quarter of play. The Bulldogs upped their lead to 20-12 early in the second quarter and appeared to be in charge, but the Gamecocks never backed down and rallied late in the stanza to cut the lead to 22-19 by the end of the half.

Andalusia regained command early in the third quarter and opened up a 28-21 lead with 5:46 remaining in the stanza, but this time it was the Gamecocks' turn to close quarter with a run as they scored the final eight points of the stanza to take a 29-28 lead. New Brockton scored four quick points in the fourth quarter to up its lead to 33-28 and moved ahead, by seven points at 39-32 with 5:22 remaining on a basket by Brett Parrish. Andalusia took advantage of a four-minute Gamecock scoring drought to cut the lead to 39-36 with 4:5 remaining on the clock and then pulled even at 39-39 with 2:6 left in the game. Brett Parrish hit the front-end of a one-and-one free-throw

with 22 left to give the Gamecocks a 40-39 lead, then connected once again on the front-end of a one-and-one as the Gamecocks with only seconds left to give New Brockton the 41-39 win.

Brett Parrish scored 18 points and grabbed 6 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Dee Finley added 6 points and pulled down 9 rebounds. Chris Cotton and Michael Berry both scored 10 points to lead Andalusia.

N.B. (41): Parrish 18, Andrews 8, Perry 2, Johnson 4, Finley 6, Foster 5.

Opp (39): McTyre 2, Johnson 7, Alverson 2, Berry 8, James 2, Cauley 2, Wright 6, Cotton 10.

N.B. 57  
OPP 53

The New Brockton Gamecocks used an 8-0 run late in the fourth quarter to pull away and claimed third place honors Saturday night by defeating the Opp Bobcats 57-53, in the consolation game.

The Gamecocks used the

inside scoring of Dee Finley to ease out to a 14-13 lead in the opening stanza, and battled the 4A Bobcats on even terms throughout the second stanza to carry a slim 28-27 lead in at the half. Finley regained his inside scoring touch in the third quarter as New Brockton upped its advantage to 42-39, but the Bobcats began to flex their muscles inside in the final stanza and rallied to grab a 50-49 lead late in the quarter. The Gamecocks staged the game's final rally, however, and led by the free-throw shooting of Brett Parrish outscored Opp 8-3 over the closing minutes to pull away and post the 57-53 win.

Brett Parrish scored 17 points to lead New Brockton, while Dee Finley added 16 and Rashad Andrews scored 12. Dimeri Smith scored 17 points to lead the Bobcats.

N.B. (57): Parrish 17, Andrews 12, Johnson 4, Finley 16, Foster 8.

Opp (53): Tyson 13, Lane 7, Hawlin 1, Stephens 11, Smith 17, Brooks 4.

## High School Roundball Roundup

### BOYS VARSITY

#### Kinston Bulldogs fall hard to Panthers 86-43

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Geneva Panthers last Monday night and were simply no match as they fell 86-43. Riley Flowers scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the (3-3) Panthers, while Cal Townsend added 14 points.

#### Zion Chapel Rebels outscored by Luverne 77-59

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled the Luverne Tigers Thursday night and came out on the wrong end of a 77-59 decision. Abe Childs poured in 29 points to lead the Rebels, while Austin Smith added 15. Fred Hawkins scored 26 points and Gary Franklin added 17 to lead the Tigers.

#### Zion Chapel falls to Florala Wildcats 53-40

The Zion Chapel Rebels slowed down the high-scoring Florala Wildcats Friday night at Zion Chapel, but still couldn't manage to pull out a win as they fell to the Wildcats 53-40. Josh Smith scored 15 points to lead the Rebels, while Austin Smith added 13 and Abe Childs scored 10. Xavier Jones scored 15 points to lead Florala.

### GIRLS VARSITY

#### Kinston Lady Bulldogs tripped up 65-20

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled the high-powered Geneva Lady Panthers last Monday night and came out on the short-end of a 65-20 decision. Ramsi Smith scored 8 points to lead Kinston, while Megan Bass scored 1 points as all eleven players scored for the (5-1) Lady Panthers.

#### Lady Gamecocks ambushed by Luverne Lady Tigers 46-27

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never recovered Thursday night in a 46-27 loss to the Luverne Lady Tigers. Lashara Dixon scored 15 points and Jaleena Franklin added 11 to lead Luverne.

#### Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fall to Florala 46-31

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled for all four quarters before falling to the Florala Lady Wildcats 46-31, Friday night at Zion Chapel. Jennifer Taylor scored 10 points to lead Zion Chapel.

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New Brockton's Rashad Andrews (30) keeps an eye on an opponent in action last week at the Andalusia Christmas Tournament. The Gamecocks claimed two wins in the tourney to bring home consolation honors.

### Gamecocks rally late to slip past Kinston in overtime thriller 65-64

The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from an 12-point fourth quarter deficit to send the game into overtime and then scored with only one tick left on the clock in the extra period to escape with a 65-64 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, last Tuesday night in New Brockton.

The Gamecocks' Brett Parrish brought the home fans to their feet early with a dunk to open the game, but Kinston quickly settled into its own style of play and behind the three-point shooting of Keith Tew and the inside dominance of Billy Johnson closed the opening quarter with a run to grab a 20-12 advantage.

The two cross-county rivals swapped baskets in the second quarter as the Bulldogs carried a 39-31 lead in at the half, and the third quarter was little more than a replay of the opening two quarters as Kinston remained in command and owned a 46-35 lead with 4:35 left in the stanza after a short jumper by Josh Reeves.

New Brockton staged a mild rally to pull within 49-42 with 2:15 left in the quarter; however, the Bulldogs staged a rally of their own and led by the play of Ramsey Phillips and Anthony Weeks quelled the Gamecock fans as they opened up a 54-43 lead heading into the final stanza.

### Lady Gamecocks turn back Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 49-43

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks pulled ahead early and survived a late rally to defeat the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 49-43 last Tuesday night in New Brockton.

Kinston surprised New Brockton by jumping out to an early 9-2 lead, but the Lady Gamecocks rallied behind the play of Maressa Loman and closed the opening quarter with a 10-0 run to sneak ahead 12-9.

The Lady Gamecocks began to pull away in the second quarter and opened up a 21-14 lead with 3:26 left in the quarter on a basket by Valerie Hutcherson, only to see the Lady Bulldogs stage a rally of their own and pull within 25-21 on a late three-pointer by Brittany Hunko.

Kinston opened the third quarter with a 6-2 run to pull even at 27-27. However, Maressa Loman scored six points to spark an 8-0 New

Brockton run as the Lady Gamecocks regained command by taking a 35-27 lead. The Lady Bulldogs cut the lead to 35-31 heading into the final stanza and pulled within 35-33 early in the fourth quarter, but New Brockton again answered the Kinston threat and led by Loman and Sherri Eaton the Lady Gamecocks moved on top 39-33.

Ramsi Smith scored four straight points to help Kinston cut the New Brockton lead to 39-37, but the Lady Gamecocks again regained command and never looked back as they posted the 49-43 win.

Maressa Loman scored 23 points and grabbed 18 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Sherri Eaton added 10 points and Brittany Brantley scored 6. Ramsi Smith scored 11 points to lead Kinston and Casey Mack added 10 points and 6 rebounds.

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## Andalusia Christmas Tournament "All-Tournament Team"

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New Brockton - Dee Finley, Brett Parrish  
Opp - Sanchez Stephens, Emanuel Lane  
Enterprise - Chris Dwyer, Nate Baxter, Tyrone Mills  
MVP - Chris Crouch, Enterprise

## Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



While eating lunch at a restaurant last week, I couldn't help overhearing a conversation between two camouflage clad hunters in the booth behind me. One was telling his buddy about how he had forgot to carry his bottle of water with him to his deer stand. Since he had decided to change stands before lunch, he just bent over and had a good drink from a stream on the way to the other stand. His friend was apparently much more knowledgeable about water borne diseases than the hunter who had drunk from the stream. He informed his buddy that cows were pastured a short distance up stream from where they were hunting and the chances of his getting sick was a distinct possibility. The one who consumed the branch water responded with "There is nothing to worry about, cause water purifies itself every 100 yards."

A friendly argument ensued about whether it was safe to drink from a stream. I listened but didn't comment. Hunters all across the country get sick from similar situations every year. I had heard that old wives tale in the Boy Scouts over 40 years ago about water purifying itself. It wasn't so then nor is it today.

Water borne diseases such as Giardia, E. coli and Cryptosporidium are in most bodies of water across the United States. Giardia is one of the most common protozoa that wreaks havoc on our digestive system. It is also one of the easiest to remove from a water source because it is one of the largest "Bugs" and is relatively easy to filter out.

Hunters and hikers in the southern half of Alabama will seldom be far from a safe source of drinking water. Carrying a bottle of water or a belt canteen that will hold a quart of water is the best way to go. Outdoor enthusiasts who venture into the Rockies or Smokies may find it smart to invest in a portable filtering system. Most of these filtration devices do a good job of removing the larger and medium sized contaminants such as Giardia. But there is still a chance of a "Bug" getting through the filtering device. Even though there is no guarantee, one greatly reduces the chances of getting sick by using one of these filtering devices.

Boiling water for five minutes is the best way of purifying it if you have the time and fuel. Chlorine drops will kill most "Bugs" and halazone tablets and iodine drops will purify it even more. The drawback to this chemical treatment is it negatively affects the taste. Pouring water back and forth from one container to another will aerate it and improve the taste somewhat.

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A parcel of land situated in Coffee County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows: commencing at the point of an intersection of the South line of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 20 East and the Western right-of-way line of Coffee County Road No. 410, thence North 25 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East, 400.00 feet along said right of way line to an iron rod, the point of beginning, thence North 64 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West 210.00 feet to an iron rod, thence North 25 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 210.00 feet to an iron rod, thence South 64 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East 210.00 feet to an iron rod on said right of way line, thence South 25 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds West 210.00 feet along said right of way line to an iron rod, the point of beginning, said parcel lies wholly within the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, section 32, Township 5 North, Range 20 East

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Navy Federal Credit Union, a Holder of said Mortgage.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**HELPING OTHERS...**The New Brockton Elementary School Student Government Association (SGA) recently conducted a canned food drive, and the students responded greatly as the drive brought in 583 cans of nonperishable food. The donated items were picked up by the local Christian Mission last Friday, Dec. 10. Standing above with the canned foods are SGA officers Aubrey Hawkins, Heather Hendrix, Claire Bailey and Dannieley Mock.

## A list of new books at the Elba Public Library...

### LARGE PRINT INSPIRATIONAL

Bock, Darrell - Breaking the da Vinci Code  
Humard, Hannah - Hinds' feet on High Places  
Judd, Naomi - Breakthrough Guide  
Tenney, Tommy - The God Chasers

### LARGE PRINT FICTION

Alexander, Victoria - The Pursuit of Marriage  
Krah, Betina - Passion's Ransom  
Medeiros, Teresa - Yours until Dawn

### FICTION

Andrews, V.C. - Black Cat  
Baldacci, David - Hour Game  
Beaton, M.C. - The Deadly Dance  
Brown, Dan - Angels and Demons  
Clark, Mary Higgins - The Christmas Thief  
Evanovich, Janet - Metro Girl  
Follett, Ken - Whiteout  
Hillerman, Tony - Skeleton Man  
Kellerman, Jonathan - Twisted  
Krentz, Jayne Ann - Falling Awake  
Patterson, James - London Bridges  
Preston, Douglas - The Codes

### NONFICTION

40,000 Best Baby Names  
Carter, Jimmy - Sharing Good Times  
Lucado, Max - Come Thirsty  
Meyer, Joyce - Be Anxious For Nothing  
Beauneigne, James - Acts of God  
Beauneigne, James - in His Image  
Beauneigne, James - Birth of an Age  
Carlson, Melody - Crystal Lies  
Pella, Judith - Homeward MY Heart

### ABRIDGED BOOKS ON TAPE

Balladacci, David - Hour Game  
Steel, Danielle - Echoes

### UNABRIDGED BOOKS ON TAPE

Evanovich, Janet - Metro Girl  
Hillerman, Tony - Skeleton Man  
Schickler, David - Sweet and Vicious

## Carols for Christmas

### CHAPTER FIVE

by Linda M. Hodge

Alli made her way up the front steps of the James home. She couldn't believe how quickly the week had passed. It certainly had been a very, surprising week. Ms. Mary was nothing like she had imagined.

Alli found that she enjoyed spending time with Ms. Mary. She had such wonderful stories to tell of "how Christmas used to be." Each day, Ms. Mary would continue her stories of Christmas past, and Alli would stay longer and longer waiting to hear more. When she did leave Ms. Mary, she would go share her stories with Sam and Jessica.

Alli especially loved it when Ms. Mary would tell stories about Christmas Carols. She explained how the whole community would gather at the James home every Christmas and spend hours caroling together. Ms. Mary spoke with vigor as she described the scene, and Alli couldn't help but think it sounded like something you would only see in the movies.

"Christmas Carols have always been my favorite part of the holidays," Ms. Mary had declared many times throughout the week.

Alli had figured as much. Those were the best stories.

"Good morning, Ms. Mary," Alli cheerfully said as she entered the James home. "I've got a surprise for you."

"What kind of surprise?"

"We're going to decorate for Christmas today," Alli responded.

Ms. Mary's face lit up when Alli revealed her surprise. She had not had this much fun in years.

"That's a beautiful idea, but I don't know how much help I can be."

"Don't worry Ms. Mary. I've got the help coming!"

The previous evening Alli convinced her parents, Jessica and Sam, to help decorate the James home for the holidays. She told them she wanted to help Ms. Mary rekindle her joy for the holidays, and she thought decorating the old home-

place would be a great start.

Alli's parents were amazed by their daughter's determination. They couldn't believe the change of attitude Alli had experienced in just one week. Alli's mom gleamed as they agreed to help. She couldn't have been prouder of her daughter.

Jessica and Sam were a bit skeptical at first, but they also agreed to help.

Ms. Mary became very quiet after Alli told her that her parents and friends were coming to help. Alli wondered if she had done something wrong.

"Is it okay that we do this?" Alli asked.

"Of course it is. Why do you ask?"

"You got quiet after I told you that my parents and friends were coming to help. I thought maybe I had done something wrong by asking them."

"No. It's a great idea. I was just thinking that this is one of the nicest things anyone has ever done for me. I don't know what I can do to show you how grateful I am."

Alli smiled at her new friend. Ms. Mary didn't know it, but she had already done more for her than she would ever know. Alli never really understood the importance of the holidays until she met Ms. Mary. Now, the best gift she could receive would be knowing that Ms. Mary found joy once again.

"I just want to be able to continue to come over and visit with you even after the holidays," Alli said.

There was a knock at the door.

"The troops are here," Alli exclaimed.

"We've got lots of work to do!"

Author Linda M. Hodge is a native of Elba, Alabama. Carols for Christmas is produced in partnership with this newspaper. Copyright 2004.

Next Week  
CHAPTER SIX: Alli's Gift

## Elba High "A-B" Honor Roll

### A-B HONOR ROLL

#### GRADE 7

Quenent, Miguel, Caldwell, Lecanna Janae Carney, Thomas, Ethan Carpenter, Taylor Leandra Creel, Kristina Marie Dorsey, Jonathan T. Farmer, Donnell Deion Horstead, Jr., Devin Blake Jackson, Robert Harrison Kelley, Zackery Kevin Kelley, Brock Ashton Lambert, Lindsay Meagan McClung, Sherry McNeal, Emily Ann Miller, Keke Nicole Quiliver, Marty Reddo Reed, Kayla Rials, Kareem Segall Silar, LaTasha Dorsha Tyson, Shabrecka Tyson

#### GRADE 8

Shelby Danielle Adcock, Megan Anderson, Morgan Anderson, Ashley Nicole Bailey, Jamison Keith Baker, Kimberly Michelle Blue, Meredith Brunson, Shelby Alexandra Brunson, Koleria Jana' Burrows, Brandy Lavon Caldwell, Kelly Alyse Corder, Lanchessia Quinette Cross, Merrill Angovine Curran, Brittany Kristen Davis, John Aaron Davis, Cynricka Vanshaka Shance Dean, Ethen Dodd, Dustin Lawayne Dorsey, Aaron Mack, Drewery Mikayla Fleming, Katrina Head, Michael Harris Jackson, Cortlin Megan Lee, Kelly Catherine Miller, Jason Carter Mitchell, Rachel Morgan Morrow, Shanika Pruitt, Laquita Shadae Reed, Kiera Shade Robertson, Cody Lee Sasser, Richrean Brane Singletery, Michael Ryan Spurlin, Mercedes Stevens, McDonald,

#### GRADE 9

Colt Kenneth Anderson, Meagan Ann Anderson, Charles Matthew Brunson, Ashley Nicole Carpenter, William O'Brian, Carpenter, Erica Nequell Daniels, Jeremy Dewayne Gnssett, Daniel Aaron Harrelson, Lisa Renae Hill, Thomas Cordel C. Hooks, Tiffany Renee Johnson, Joshua Renee Jones, Ben McInvalde, Kayla Ann Morrow Miller, Brittany Lashawn Phillips, Ladan Rhoades, Jonathan Ashton Rodriguez, Kandace Latrice Smith, Tierney Keyana Starks, Yoghuesha Audria Terry, Dimetrio Martinez Tyson, Lakisha Tyson

#### GRADE 10

Whitney Amber Bailey, Brian Dean Blair, Christopher Wade Boutwell, Clinton Wayne Bradshaw, Crystal Ann Bradshaw, Stefaun Burks, Clara O'Megan Burrows, Wesley Collier Calhoun, Melissa Annette Cook, Sherika Sharda Daniels, Jonathan Dean, Adam Leland Henderson, Jason F. Johnson, Timothy Chafin Johnson, Whitely Deanna Kilcrease, Richard Wade Kindred, Kelekia Denise Magwood, Ryan Daniel McDonald,

#### GRADE 11

Whitney Anderson, Stephanie Ruth Baxley, Emily Brooke Bradshaw, Jared Norman Brooks, Victoria Ann Brooks, Ashley Michelle Canley, Lloyd Grantham Carr, Curtis Kyle Chandler, Ben Dixon Coppage, Stephanie Kristin Corder, Daniel Chase Graham, Leonard W. Grantham III, Heather Nichole Harper, Amanda Ann Henderson, Kayla Brooke Homyak, Brittany Nicole Hudson, Kimberly Jones, Brandy Tarell Kelley, Whitney Vaughan Lawford, Kikko Logan, Amanda Mauldin, Annie Elena McCormick, Tamara Denise Oliver, Gale Olson, Andrew Thomas Parker, Amber Nichole Pike, Jonas Reymar Rogers, Summer Nicole Stricklin, Judson Will Vaughan, Elizabeth Rae Walker, Aubrey Larys Linger Williams, Hubert Alan Willis, Princes Wood

#### GRADE 12

Carlos Alberto Aruz, William Grishy Barnes III, Timothy Boggers, Chadwick KC Boutwell, Aubrey Chase Davis, Melinda Dodd, Rebecca Gena English, Robert Ryan Gibbs, Ashton Gail Grimes, Jennifer Leigh Gnssett, Kevin Cory Hays, Andrea Head, Yolanda Reynolds, Jessie Schultz, Matthew Clark Skinner, Lance Sutley, Catina Denise Washington, Justin Harold Williams, Marissa Omega Williams, Carmesha Wright, Cornelius Dexter Wright

## SPRING REGISTRATION

Andalusia/Greenville/MacArthur

Regular Registration

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Late Registration

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**EHS CLASS OF '64 40TH REUNION HELD OCTOBER 9, 2004** Front Row: Dwight Holley, Sam Edmondson, Richard Thomas, Ed Cowen, Paul Capps, Larry Goodson. Second Row: Sue Akridge Johnson, Gail Donaldson Helms, Alice Wilson Thrasher, Judy Stewart Hart, Sarah Moore Howell, Glenda Ennis Shoaf. Third Row: Art "Bo" McKnatt, Linda Jeffcoat Lucas, Damm Bryan Gilmore, Betty Inman Watson, Freddie Johnson Pearce, JoAnne Brazelton, Latane Clark Kreiser, Sandra Lowrey Carpenter, Wanda Grantham Davis, Kathy Anderson Smith. Fourth Row: Joe Spurlin, Joe Hodge, Bryon Parker, John Jones, Ross Smith, Lamar Kelley, Leo Johnson, Bernice Donaldson, Don Boswell. Stairs: Rudy Williams, Angelyn Smith Holley, J. C. Johnson, Wayne Morgan



**2004-2005 ENTERPRISE CITY SCHOOLS' TEACHER** of the Year nominees were recently recognized at a Teacher Appreciation Tea. Nominees seated from left, are Linda Swain, College Street Elementary; Jennifer Rorie, Harand Creek; Audrey Payne, Hillcrest; and Jana Robinette, Pinedale. Back row, from left, are Susie Waters, Coppinville; Kimberley Baker, Rucker Boulevard; Stan Sauls, Dauphin Junior High; Heather Mitchell, Enterprise Junior High; and Veronica Stephenson, Enterprise High School.



**L-R:** DAR Good Citizens - Mallory Allen, Elba High School; Amanda Hornsby, New Brockton High School; Jennifer Roth, Enterprise High School (Not pictured William McCurdy, Zion Chapel High School; and Shawn Miller, Kinston High School)

## Jennifer Roth named 2004-2005 Coffee County DAR Good Citizen

In its December 11 meeting and luncheon, the John Coffee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored five DAR Good Citizens selected by their respective schools; and named Jennifer Roth as 2004-2005 Coffee County DAR Good Citizen.

She was awarded a \$50 savings bond. Each student received a certificate and a DAR Good Citizen pin.

Each student was introduced, and Mrs. Joe Clark, DAR Good Citizen Chairperson, presented information about the students' activities in school and community, as well as some of their achievements and honors.

Mallory Allen is senior class president, member of Senior Beta Club, SGA, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as being on several sports teams. She is an active member of the Elba United Methodist Church, as well as many other civic organizations. Mallory plans to study law at the University of Alabama.

Amanda Hornsby is on the National Honor Roll, winner of Science and English Merit awards; member of school band, FBLA, FFA, Science Club, veterinary assistant, among other activities. Her plans are to attend Enterprise-Ozark Community College at the aviation campus in Ozark to earn an AP license.

William McCurdy is SGA and Beta Club treasurer, on varsity football team, received President's Award for Educational Excellence, and Outstanding Academic Achievement at Wallace Community College. McCurdy is Youth Council Member at El Bethel Assembly of God. After high school graduation he plans to pursue a career as a ministerial pastor.

Shawn Miller is member of FFA, K-Club, Varsity basketball and baseball.

Jennifer Roth - Anchor Club president, member of Drama and Spanish Clubs, SGA, Mu Alpha Theta, senior editor of school newspaper, teaches piano and French horn, pianist at St. John's Catholic Church, and is involved in other community service activities. She plans to attend Troy University and University of Alabama to complete a degree in nutritional science for dietician.

The National DAR Good Citizens Committee was established in 1934. It recognizes high school seniors in accredited public, parochial, and private schools, who excel in qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994 HOLDS 10-YEAR REUNION.** Class members for the Elba High School Class of 1994 gathered over the weekend of Oct. 8 and 9, 2004 for their 10-year class reunion. Those present for the reunion party held Saturday evening, Oct. 9, included (from left): Linda Hodge, Eric Cox, Jason Farris, Perry Stinson, Holly Stinson, Jason Holley, Jennifer Hollinghead Jackson, Ashley Weeks, Kim Bundy Ross, Bryan Foley, Leslie Creel Grantham, Kimiko Daniels, Cory Driggers, D.J. Belcher, Dana Stinson Padgett, Alice Hammonds Kelley, Heath Wyrosdick, Rosalyn McBride, Jennifer Adams Stinson, Danielle Tew, DeAnn Miller Cronk, Amanda Calhoun, LaShawn Russell, Deloris Martin Smith, Keith Grantham, Lori Smith and Scott Cochran.

## Holiday shoppers urged to protect themselves from identity theft

Attorney General Troy King was joined recently by several officials to give tips for holiday shoppers about how to protect themselves from identity theft. King has committed his Family Protection Unit to the fight against identity theft.

The Federal Trade Commission reports that in 2003 it received complaints from 1,823 Alabama citizens regarding identity theft. Of these Alabama cases, 32 percent reported credit card fraud, involving the opening of new credit card accounts and the misuse of existing accounts. The next most common specific type of identity theft was phone and utilities fraud, including the opening of new wireless, telephone, and utilities accounts and the misuse of existing accounts.

Holiday shoppers should take the following precautions to protect themselves from identity theft:

- When you go shopping, take only the credit cards you plan to use and leave the others at home.

- When using your credit cards or checks, take them out only at the cash register. Be aware of people around you who may be looking over your shoulder to try and

read the numbers on your card.

- Be absolutely certain that you do not leave behind a receipt for someone else to pick up.

- Never carry your Social Security card with you.

- If you are shopping online, be certain that you shop with companies you know and trust and shop only on secure websites.

- Use a credit card or charge card when shopping online so that you will have the protection of the Fair Credit Billing Act. This federal law provides protections for billing errors such as unauthorized charges, charges for items never received, and payments or credits that are not posted. To receive this protection, the consumer must contact the credit card company in writing at its "Billing Inquiry" address and this must be received (not postmarked) within 60 days of the date of the first bill with the error.

- Never give out personal information over the cell phone, particularly when you are in a public place.

- If you receive offers of credit through the mail, make sure that you shred them before discarding them.

- When you receive your credit

card statements, examine them carefully to make sure that there are no unauthorized charges.

- If you become a victim of identity theft, there are three things you should do immediately: (1)

Contact local law enforcement to file a police report; (2) Contact the three major credit bureaus and ask them to place a fraud alert on your credit report; (3) Contact the banks and creditors involved and let them know that you are disputing the fraudulent charges or accounts. Keep records of all telephone calls and make sure that you follow up with the credit bureaus, banks, and creditors in writing.

For more information on what to do if you become a victim of identity theft, you may contact the Attorney General's consumer protection hotline toll-free by calling 1-800-392-5658 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-IDTHEFT. The Office of Consumer Affairs is a part of Attorney General King's Family Protection Unit, which also has a toll-free number to assist Alabamians—1-800-230-9485—with more information available at the unit's web page at [www.familyprotection.alabama.gov](http://www.familyprotection.alabama.gov).

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## From unemployment to honor society: Former textile workers find success at Wallace Community College

by Debi Breedlove

August 9, 2003 was a memorable day in the lives of four Coffee County women. That day the doors closed for the final time at Kleiner's textile manufacturing company in Elba. Like many women from the Wiregrass textile industry, the women suddenly found themselves jobless. Instead of clocking in at the plant each day, however, the ladies now clock in to class at Wallace Community College's medical assisting program.

Kristie Crowell, Novelle Dewberry, Tammy McWaters and Paula Walden have already completed one year of the two-year program and look forward to graduating this spring.

Carpooling for the 140-mile round trip each day, the four spend the time reviewing class



**Four former textile workers** turned unemployment into academic success in Wallace Community College's medical assisting program. Paula Walden, Tammy McWaters, Kristie Crowell and Novelle Dewberry use an anatomical model to study for a test. The four women carpool and have developed a study and emotional support system.

school," she laughed.

Walden, an Elba native with 19 years' service in various positions at Kleiner's, is a single mother of three children. "I have tremendous family support, or I could not do this with a 20-month-old child," she said, adding that her children's grades have improved since her return to the classroom.

"It has been very good for my sons to see the discipline and sacrifice required to make study time," she said.

Crowell feels she is also setting a good example for her sons, aged 13 and nine. She said, "They see how hard I have to work in college. Maybe it will make them realize they shouldn't wait so long to go."

McWaters also had about seven years' experience at the textile operation. The mother of 13, 12- and 10-year-old children, she says her family is very proud of her success in college. "My children are already talking about their futures and what they plan to do," she said. "I encourage them to make good grades and go to college."

With children at home and the need for regular hours, the three younger ladies said the medical

assisting program seemed ideal for their schedules. The opportunity to work with people was an added bonus. Dewberry, who anticipates having to care for her elderly mother, was looking for a career she could perform from home. Medical transcription offers that option.

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